



# Alameda County Sheriff's Office

Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff / Coroner  
Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Ct, Oakland, CA 94605  
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## Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) <b>DICKEY, Jesus Dametrius</b>			TENTATIVE ID <input type="checkbox"/>	UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/>		CASE NUMBER <b>2018-02038</b>		
	REPORTED BY Paxton		REPORTED BY PHONE NO. (510) 667-3646	REPORTING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS			REFERENCE NUMBER 18-011115		
	INVESTIGATOR Damon Wilson		CALL DATE AND TIME 6/26/2018 10:07	CASE TYPE <b>Removal Case</b>					
	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH <b>6/26/2018 8:58</b>		DATE OF BIRTH 7/24/1972	AGE 45 Years	GENDER Male	RACE Black	MARITAL STATUS Never Married	VET? <input type="checkbox"/>	
DECEDENT	HGT 74	WGT 215	EYE COLOR Brown	HAIR COLOR Black	OCCUPATION Unknown	EMPLOYER			
	Preliminary Summary								
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Santa Rita Jail							LOD TYPE Other	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Blvd. Dublin CA 94568							COUNTY Alameda	
	Manner	Accident		Death Certificate Signed By:					
	Cause A	COMPLICATIONS OF HYponatremia					Interval	Unknown	
	Cause B	PROBABLE PSYCHOGENIC POLYDIPSIA ASSOCIATED WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA					Interval	Unknown	
	Cause C						Interval		
	Cause D						Interval		
	Other Significant Conditions								
	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN [REDACTED]			RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED]			TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]		
NOTIFICATION	NOTIFIED BY			METHOD			DATE AND TIME		
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD			DATE AND TIME					
	LOCATION OF INCIDENT							AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	
INCIDENT	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)							COUNTY	DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS			INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER			OFFICER J. Frye		
DISP	FUNERAL HOME Best Cremation Care of California				BODY RELEASED TO FUNERAL HOME ON 7/19/2018 14:05				
	Full Autopsy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Record Review <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection w/Specimen <input type="checkbox"/>				EXAM BY Michael Ferenc				



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### Investigator Narrative

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Decedent: **DICKEY, Jesus Dametrius**  
Case Number: **2018-02038**  
Investigator: **Damon Wilson**

#### **First Call Information:**

On Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 1007 hours, Detective N. Paxton of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office-Eden Township Substation reported the death of Jesus Dametrius Dickey. Detective Paxton said Dickey was an inmate at the Alameda County Santa Rita Jail. Dickey was last seen alive earlier, June 26, 2018, around 0400 hours, during breakfast by other inmates. There were no reported altercations or incidents involving Dickey. Detective Paxton said none of the inmates recalled seeing Dickey returning to his cell. At 0805 hours, the cells of Housing Unit 8, Pod F, were opened for pod time and several inmates saw Dickey face down on the floor of his cell (Cell 16). The inmates called for the deputies and alerted them about Dickey being unresponsive. Deputies call for emergency medical services. Paramedics Plus responded to the jail, performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation and pronounced Dickey dead at 0858 hours. Detective Paxton said Dickey had a hematoma on the left side of his forehead that was bleeding. Detective Paxton was uncertain of how the injury occurred and said Dickey was the only occupant of the cell. Detective Paxton said there were no signs of foul play.

#### **Medical Summary:**

Based on the medical records recovered from Santa Rita Jail, Dickey had history of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There were no other known medical issues. (dlw29)

#### **Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:**

Dickey died at Santa Rita Jail in housing unit 8, pod F, cell 16. The cell was messy and had clothes, papers and garbage on the floor. (dlw29)

#### **Body Identification:**

Dickey was identified by deputies on duty at Santa Rita Jail. He had been fingerprinted and positively identified when he was brought to the jail on April 23, 2018. I (Wilson) printed Dickey's California identification card photo [REDACTED] and compared it to his face, confirming his identification. (dlw29)

On June 28, 2018, I (Gogna) received a letter from the Alameda County Central Identification Bureau (CIB) confirming that the fingerprints taken from the decedent was associated with Person File Number: [REDACTED] with the name Jesus Dickey. (AG#1303)

#### **Next of Kin Investigation:**

In Dickey's property was a letter from someone claiming to be his brother, [REDACTED]. The return address on the letter is [REDACTED]. I (Wilson) ran that address in Accurint in order to locate next of kin information. I found a [REDACTED] at that address in [REDACTED] (dlw29)





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On Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 0924 hours, Deputy Lorenzana and I (Wilson) went to the [REDACTED] address and met [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] if he knew Dickey or [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he was their grandfather and Dickey and [REDACTED] were brothers. I informed [REDACTED] of Dickey's death and the circumstances. [REDACTED] confirmed Dickey had [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said Dickey was never married, he had no children and his parents were both deceased. [REDACTED] was Dickey's next of kin. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was at work and he would inform [REDACTED] of Dickey's death when [REDACTED] got home. I gave [REDACTED] my business card and invited him to contact the Coroner's Bureau should he have additional questions. (dlw29)

**Other Agency Reports:**

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Eden Township Substation has generated case #18-011115 for their investigation into Dickey's death. (dlw29)

**Property and Evidence:**

I (Wilson) completed receipt #39366 for Dickey and the property collected from Santa Rita Jail. (dlw29)

There was a white paper cup with two pink pills and two pink capsules found in Dickey's right sock. (dlw29)

On July 11, 2018, Sheriff's Technician K. Realph released evidence collected by Sheriff's Technician B. Martinez to Sheriff's Technician Cox. (dlw29)

**Coroners Fees:**

The Coroners fee totaled \$400 dollars and included the \$333 dollar removal and the \$67 dollar body preparation. (dlw29)

On July 19, 2018, Dickey was removed from the Coroner's Bureau by Best Cremation. The Coroner's fee was not paid. (dlw29)

**Investigative Details:**

On Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 1115 hours, Deputy S. Sobrero and I (Wilson) arrived at Santa Rita Jail and met Lieutenant J. McComas. We were directed to housing unit 8 where we met other deputies including Detective Paxton. I saw Dickey on the second floor tier in front of cell 16 which was adjacent to the top of the staircase to the upper tier. Dickey was face up on the floor with his head toward the stairs. He had blood on his face and on his head. He also had a little bit of foam in his mouth. Dickey's arms and hands were at his sides. There were no signs of trauma or defensive wounds to his hands or arms. His shirt had been cut off and the right leg of his pants was cut open up to the knee. There were obvious signs of medical therapy attached to Dickey's body. Deputy Sobrero took multiple scene photographs of Dickey's body, the pod area and Dickey's cell. Deputy Sobrero and I made the removal and moved Dickey to the Coroner's van. Before leaving the jail, I collected property, the movement record and medical records for Dickey from Lieutenant McComas. Deputy Sobrero and I returned to the Coroner's office and processed Dickey into the morgue. Deputy Sobrero took intake photographs of Dickey and I placed him into refrigeration. (dlw29)

On Wednesday, June 27, 2018, I (Wilson) reviewed Dickey's movement history record from Santa Rita Jail, which indicated the following: [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

He was a solo occupant of the cell the entire time and, other than the initial switch of pods from pod E to pod F, he had no other issues. (dlw29)

On June 27, 2018, Chief Pathologist, Doctor M. Ferenc did a full autopsy on Dickey and deferred the cause of death, pending toxicology results. (dlw29)

On September 7, 2018, Doctor Ferenc determined Dickey's death to be complications of hyponatremia due to probable psychogenic polydipsia associated with schizophrenia. No drugs or alcohol were detected in Dickey's femoral blood toxicology. (dlw29)

On July 16, 2018, I (Wilson) spoke to [REDACTED] and he said he and [REDACTED] were still planning on making disposition arrangements for Dickey. I explained the Coroner's fee was accruing daily and he said they will get started immediately and call me back later today. (dlw29)

**Findings:**

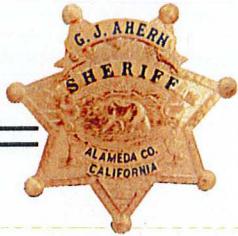
On Monday, October 8, 2018, I (Wilson) reviewed Dickey's case in order to determine the manner of death. Dickey was found unresponsive in his cell. He had no injuries and had no known complaints prior to his death. Given the cause of death determined by Doctor Ferenc, it is likely [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I have determined Dickey's death to be an accident. (dlw29)

**Supervisor Review:**

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018, I (Sgt. D. Dixon) reviewed this case for closure. The report was complete and I concurred with the findings. I consider this case closed. (djd863)

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### M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: June 27, 2018

FROM: Michael Joseph Ferenc, M.D.

TO: Case File 2018-02038

SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

An autopsy was performed on the body of Jesus D. Dickey at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on June 27, 2018, at about 9:00 a.m.

### FINDINGS

- 1) PULMONARY EDEMA AND CONGESTION.
- 2) MINOR EXTERNAL INJURIES.
- 3) NO SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL INJURIES.
- 4) SLIGHT TO MODERATE CEREBRAL EDEMA.
- 5) TOXICOLOGY (CVT-18-8741)
  - A. NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL DETECTED IN FEMORAL BLOOD
  - B. VITREOUS HUMOR SODIUM 121 MMOL/L.
- 6) NO SIGNIFICANT HISTOLOGY FINDINGS.

CAUSE OF DEATH: COMPLICATIONS OF HYponatremia DUE TO PROBABLE PSYCHOGENIC POLYDIPSIA ASSOCIATED WITH CHRONIC SCHIZOPHRENIA.

**Note:** No evidence of internal injuries was found. No drugs (including medications he was prescribed) were found, and there were no significant abnormalities found in histology. His vitreous humor sodium was low consistent with hyponatremia. Hyponatremia can be associated with sudden deaths from cardiac arrhythmias and/or acute seizures. Psychogenic polydipsia has been described with mental disorders, including schizophrenia.

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- 1) Cicognani, C. et al, "An overlooked Cause of Acute Symptomatic Seizures: Psychogenic Polydipsia." The American Journal of Medicine 2013 Volume 126, No. 5, e1-2.
- 2) Valente, S, and Fisher, D., "Recognizing and Managing Psychogenic Polydipsia in Mental Health." The Journal of Nurse Practitioners 2010 Volume 6, Issue 7, pp 546-552.
- 3) Gerhant, A. Et al. "Hiponatremia in the practice of a psychiatrist. Part 2: psychogenic polydipsia. Current Problems in Psychiatry 2017 Volume 2, No. 2, pp 138-153.

cc: District Attorney

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1 CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH

2 This 45-year-old gentleman was found unresponsive on the  
3 floor of his cell at Santa Rita Jail. Despite resuscitative  
4 efforts, he was pronounced dead at the scene. He had a history  
5 of schizophrenia. Of note, pills were found in a small paper cup  
6 inside 1 of his socks.

7 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

8 The unembalmed body of a middle-aged man is in a plastic  
9 pouch, is partially dressed, and has a properly labeled  
10 identification tag. Paper bags are on the hands. Fingernail  
11 clippings are taken.

12 The clothing consists of red pajama-style Jail pants, brown  
13 boxer shorts, and grey socks. The neat the body is a cutaway  
14 brown T-shirt. Inside the medial surface of the right sock is a  
15 folded small paper cup. Inside the cup are 4 pills. 2 of them  
16 are consistent with olanzapine 20 mg and the other 2 are  
17 diphenhydramine (pictures taken).

18 RECENT INJURIES

19 Minor external injuries are described below.

20 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

21 The body of a well-developed, well-nourished, middle-aged,  
22 black man is reported to be 45 years, 74 inches, and 215 pounds.

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23 Rigor mortis is moderate. Lividity is very faint, posterior, and  
24 fixed.

25 The head is symmetrical without significant scars. On the  
26 left frontal scalp is a 3/4 x 1/16 inch, superficial, linear  
27 laceration. On the left frontal vertex scalp is a very faint  
28 1/2 inch diameter round red contusion. On the right frontal  
29 vertex scalp is a arc-shaped, superficial, 1/2 x 1/16 inch  
30 laceration. The head hair is black, curly, and about 1/16 inch.  
31 A full beard is present. The eyelids, sclerae, and conjunctivae  
32 are unremarkable except for slight congestion. The eyes are  
33 brown. The nose and mouth show no lesions. The teeth are in poor  
34 condition. The ears are intact.

35 The neck is symmetrical without significant trauma or  
36 scars. The chest is symmetrical without significant scars. There  
37 is a 1x1/8 inch brown abrasion is along the edge of the sternum  
38 and consistent with CPR. The breasts are of a man. The abdomen  
39 is not distended and shows no significant trauma. A 3 inch  
40 linear scar is in the right lower quadrant. The genitalia are of  
41 a circumcised man.

42 The forearms and upper arms are symmetrical without  
43 significant trauma or scars. There is a 1 inch, fluctuant,  
44 subcutaneous nodule along the ulnar surface of the right elbow.

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45 Incision into this reveals hemorrhagic subcutaneous tissue. The  
46 hands, fingers, and fingernails are intact. A small bandage is  
47 on the tip of the left hand pointer finger. The legs and feet  
48 are symmetrical without significant scars. A 1/2 inch red-brown  
49 abrasion is on the mid right shin. An intraosseous catheter is  
50 in the right shin.

51 The back shows no significant trauma or scars. The anus is  
52 unremarkable.

53 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

54 BODY WALLS AND CAVITIES: The subumbilical fat pad is about  
55 1 inch. The subcutaneous and breast tissues show no lesions. The  
56 mediastinum is not hemorrhagic. The pericardial sac is intact.  
57 The diaphragm is intact. The abdominal cavity shows no  
58 significant adhesions and minimal liquid. The major organs are  
59 normally positioned.

60 CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The epicardium is smooth and  
61 glistening. The coronary arteries follow a left predominant  
62 distribution and show no significant atherosclerosis. The heart  
63 is 420 g. The myocardium is red-brown, normal texture, and  
64 uniform. The right ventricular free wall shows no increased  
65 fatty infiltration and no increased fibrous tissue. The left  
66 ventricle is 1.0 cm along the septum and up to 1.4 cm along the

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67 free walls. The right ventricle is 0.2 cm. The endocardium,  
68 chordae, and papillary muscles are intact. The coronary sinus  
69 ostium is open. The foramen ovale is closed. The  
70 atrioventricular and semilunar valves are normally formed, show  
71 no lesions, and are appropriate for age. The vena cava and great  
72 vessels show no thrombi or emboli. The aorta shows no  
73 atherosclerosis.

74 PULMONARY SYSTEM: The right and left lungs are 1080 and  
75 1070 g, respectively. The lungs are markedly edematous,  
76 moderately congested, dark red, poorly aerated, soft, and  
77 uniform with smooth glistening surfaces. The tan bronchi show no  
78 lesions, including no aspirated food. The vessels show no  
79 thrombi or emboli.

80 HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM: The liver is 2120 g, red-brown,  
81 slightly firmer than normal, and uniform with a smooth  
82 glistening capsule. The biliary tract is intact. The gallbladder  
83 contains less than 5 mL of pale green thin opaque bile. The  
84 pancreas is tan, lobulated, normal texture, and without focal  
85 lesions.

86 HEMATOPOIETIC SYSTEM: The spleen is 90 g, dark red, normal  
87 texture, and uniform with a smooth glistening capsule. The  
88 thymus gland is unremarkable for age. The lymph nodes are not

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89      enlarged. The marrow of the ribs and calvarium is unremarkable  
90      for age.

91            GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM: The oropharynx, esophagus, and  
92      stomach show no lesions. The stomach is distended by over 350 mL  
93      of partially digested food material. Most the material consists  
94      of pale tan chunks of vegetable matter and small pieces of  
95      orange carrot. No pills or granular material is identified. The  
96      small bowel and the large bowel show no mucosal, serosal, or  
97      mural lesions. The mesentery is intact. The appendix is not  
98      identified.

99            GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The adrenal glands show no lesions.  
100     The renal capsule strips with slight difficulty. The right and  
101    left kidneys are 180 and 150 g, respectively. The cortices are  
102    red-brown, smooth, normal thickness, and uniform. The calyces  
103    and collecting systems are not dilated. The renal pyramids and  
104    papillae are intact. The ureters are patent to the bladder  
105    containing less than 5 mL of clear yellow urine. The bladder  
106    wall and mucosa are unremarkable for age. The prostate gland and  
107    testes are unremarkable for age.

108           MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: The muscles show no diffuse  
109    lesions. Anterior-medial rib fractures consistent with  
110    cardiopulmonary resuscitation are seen. These are associated

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111 with minimal to no hemorrhage. The skeleton is well developed  
112 and appropriate for age.

113 HEAD AND CRANIAL CONTENTS: The scalp shows slight focal  
114 hemorrhage associated with the previously noted external  
115 injuries but no other findings. The skull shows no fractures.  
116 The dura mater and leptomeninges show no lesions. The dural  
117 sinuses and floor the skull are intact. The circle of Willis  
118 shows no significant atherosclerosis and no aneurysms. The brain  
119 is 1580 g. Externally, diffuse slight to moderate cerebral edema  
120 with flattening of the gyri and urine in the sulci is noted. No  
121 uncle herniation or tonsil or herniation is seen. No focal  
122 lesions on the surface of the brain are seen. Internally, the  
123 grey and white matter, deep nuclei, and ventricles show no focal  
124 or diffuse lesions. The pituitary gland is very small.

125 ANTERIOR NECK STRUCTURES: The anterior neck muscles show no  
126 hemorrhage. The thyroid gland is red-brown, normal texture,  
127 symmetrical, and uniform. The parathyroid glands are not  
128 identified. The hyoid bone, thyroid cartilages, and cricoid  
129 cartilage are intact. The tan epiglottic and laryngeal mucosa  
130 shows no lesions. No significant aspirated food is seen. The  
131 tongue is unremarkable. The pharynx is not obstructed. The  
132 prevertebral fascia is intact. The cervical vertebrae are

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133 intact.

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135 SPECIMENS RETAINED: femoral blood, heart blood, vitreous  
136 humor, liver, and gastric contents. A full toxicology screen is  
137 requested.

138 Representative tissue sections are retained in formalin.

139 Selected sections are submitted for processing.

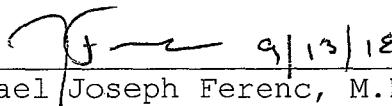
140 OTHER STUDIES: None.

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CASE NUMBER:	CASE NAME:
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PATHOLOGIST:	HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION
Michael Joseph Ferenc	

BRAIN: Sections of cortex, hippocampus with small portion of attached leptomeninges, medulla, and cerebellum are examined. Focally shrunken hyperchromatic neurons are seen in the hippocampus consistent with acute ischemic changes. Otherwise, no neoplasia, inflammatory infiltrates, degenerative diseases, or trauma is seen.

HEART: Sections (14) of right ventricle, left ventricle, and region of the cardiac conduction system show intact myocytes and no significant inflammatory infiltrates. Endocardial and epicardial surfaces and vessels are unremarkable.

LUNGS: Sections show intact congested parenchyma and no acute significant inflammatory infiltrates. Bronchial elements are unremarkable. No significant polarizable foreign material is seen.

LIVER: Section shows unremarkable hepatocytes, sinusoids, and portal areas.

KIDNEY: Section shows intact glomeruli, tubules, interstitium, and vessels. No significant polarizable foreign material is seen.

ADRENAL GLAND: Sections show unremarkable cortex and medulla.

PANCREAS: Section shows unremarkable islets and acini, vessels, and ducts.

9/13/18

Date

Signature

M.D.



CVT-18-8741

**Case Name:**

Dickey,

Jesus

D.

30 ml femoral blood, 3 ml vitreous humor &amp; 30 ml gastric each labeled "Dickey, Jesus;

**Specimen Description:**

2018-02038; 6/27/2018; 900 hrs; MJF; BM"

**TOXICOLOGY NUMBER:****Delivered by** Tricor**Date** 28-Jun-18**Received by** Bill Posey**Date** 28-Jun-18**Request:** Complete Drug Screen**Agency Case #** 2018-02038**Requesting Agency**Alameda Co. Coroner's Office  
Attn: Acct's Payable  
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor  
Oakland CA 94605**Report To**Alameda Co. Coroner's Office  
Attn: Dr. Ferenc  
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor  
Oakland CA 94605**RESULTS**

Specimen: Femoral Blood and Vitreous Humor Samples

Complete Drug Screen: No common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected in blood.  
No Ethyl Alcohol or Acetone detected in blood and vitreous.Vitreous Panel: Glucose < 20 mg/dL  
Sodium = 121 mmol/L  
Potassium = 8.1 mmol/L  
Chloride = 95 mmol/L*B.L. Posey  
7/5/18*

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